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MATSUI ANNOUNCES HOUSE APPROVAL OF FUNDING FOR McCLELLAN PARK DEVELOPMENT

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Representative Robert T. Matsui (D-CA) announced today that the House Appropriations Committee approved \$4 million in federal funding for sewer and soil remediation in McClellan Park. Efforts to develop McClellan Park – formerly McClellan Air Force Base – are already underway, but the sewer system needs a complete overhaul before Sacramento County can finish renovating the business park.

"This is a significant step toward fully developing McClellan Park," Matsui said. "Once the new sewer system is in place, the county and private developers will be able to begin their conversion efforts to make McClellan park fully operable. The business park is an important part of Sacramento's economic growth and will create a significant number of short- and long-term job opportunities for our community."

Major portions of the McClellan sewer system are 60 years old and in major disrepair. In addition, soil at the site is contaminated and needs to be remediated. In its current condition, the system cannot support the development planned by Sacramento County.

The funding will allow the Air Force to replace the current sewer system, as well as remediate the soil. Once the reclamation project is complete, the land can be transferred from the Air Force to Sacramento County, which already has \$20 million in funding waiting to install a new sewer system for development of the business park.

The funding was included in the FY05 Department of Defense Appropriations bill, which passed the House Appropriations Committee yesterday. This is the first step toward full Congressional and Presidential approval of the bill in the FY05 appropriations process.

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